

## Northern Virginia Hospital's Local Human Rights Committee

### DRAFT

Meeting Date: May 24, 2006

Location: Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute [NVMHI] in the Meeting Room

### MINUTES:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jim Merrill	x	
Christopher Harrison	x	
Robert Dupwe	x	
Nancy Merrill	x	
Frederic Puhon	x	
Betty Jo McDevitt		x

Advocates Present –Tim Simmons, Human Rights Advocate

Others Present:

Flora Fenchel, Fairfax Co. HealthCare Provider

Consumer S.H.

### Providers Present

Inova Fairfax Hospital– Kathleen Hannoosh	Inova Mt. Vernon –
Inova CATS –	Inova Loudon Hospital
NVMHI – Sally Garrett	
Virginia Hospital Center –Kitty Harold	

### Call to Order:

Mr. Jim Merrill called the meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM

### Approve Minutes:

The minutes from the April 26, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended.

### Agenda:

Approved.

### Announcements:

Sally Garrett announced that the revised e-mail list will be sent to LHRC members and providers.

### Public Comments:

S.H. commented on the process for NGRI working consumers to have their employer notified of their being NVMHI consumers. Discussion took place regarding this requirement by the State Forensic Review Board, that this was not an issue to be addressed by the LHRC, that it was outside the purview of the committee.

S.H. commented on the perceived lack of support from the LHRC on issues. The issues involved institutional policy or that rights could have been violated. It was discussed that no formal complaint has been brought before the LHRC to address. The process was clarified for the consumer that complaints should first be presented to the staff, if not resolved then to the Human Rights Advocate and then to the LHRC.

Discussion followed regarding the standards that must be followed with NGRI consumers and the IFPC. The committee expressed a need for education on this topic. Ms. Simmons and Ms. Garrett will look into the possibility of an educational program for consumers and the committee. Mr. Merrill noted that the LHRC is asking for an educational program and is not in any way inquiring into the process of the IFPC.

### **STANDING REPORTS**

#### Human Rights Advocate Report:

Mr. Simmons reported that an application for membership on the LHRC will be faxed to Mr. Merrill on 5/25.

Mr. Simmons reported that he and Dr. DeLacy will be meeting next week to discuss how consumers are educated about Human Rights.

Regional Advocate: N/A

#### Affiliate Hospital Reports:

Ms. Garrett – NVMHI. Copies of the report were distributed to the committee and discussed.

Ms. Hannoosh – Inova Fairfax Hospital. Copies of the report were distributed to the committee and discussed.

Ms. Harold – VHC. Copies of the report were distributed to the committee and discussed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

By Laws Revision: The following revisions were discussed and approved by the LHRC:

Membership Definitions

Membership Attendance

Scheduled Meeting Requirements

Quorum

Meeting Minutes.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Officers: The following slate of officers was presented, voted on and approved by the committee. Effective date is July 1, 2006.

Chairperson – Christopher Harrison

Vice Chairperson – Fred Puhan

Secretary – Robert Dupwe

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM

The next LHRC meeting is set for June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at NVMHI.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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